

## REMARKS

In view of the final Action, RCE has been filed and claims have been amended.

Briefly explaining, in Siebert et al. cited in the Action, a braking pressure is applied to a wheel cylinder by controlling, according to the pedal operation, a discharge pressure of a pump or a pressure of an accumulator, not a master cylinder pressure. This is a conventional braking system. When a braking by the regulated pump discharge pressure by means of brake control means is applied during the operation of the regenerating braking system, the pedal stroke can not be obtained as in that operated only by the regular braking system using the pump discharge pressure even if the total braking torque is regulated.

In Furukawa et al., a regular braking system and a regenerating braking system are used. In order to prevent a stroke of a brake pedal 76 from becoming zero when shut-off valves 90, 92 are both closed in the regenerating braking cooperation control or anti-lock braking control, a stroke simulator 228 is provided in a fluid passage 80. However, the stroke simulator 228 is formed to obtain the stroke of the brake pedal 76 since the brake pedal 76 can not travel when the shut-off valves 90, 92 are both closed.

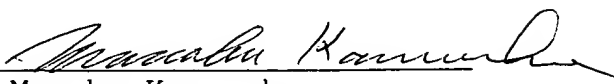
Therefore, in Furukawa et al., when the regular braking system is actuated by the MCY pressure during the operation of the regenerating braking system, the pedal stroke can not be made as in that operated only by the regular braking system even if the total braking torque is regulated.

Claims of the application are patentable over the cited references in the previous Action.

Please examine the application.

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